Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Upper South Platte - Animal Waste Mgmt.

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Upper South Platte - Animal Waste Mgmt.		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	
1. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, excess salinity in impaired watersheds with total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) where available, groundwater contamination or point sources such as contamination from confined animal feeding operations?	
2. Will the treatment you intend to implement for water conservation or irrigation efficiency using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in water use?	
3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of emissions, such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides (NOx), volatile organic compounds, and ozone precursors and depleters that contribute to air quality impairment violations of National Ambient Air Quality Standards?	Yes O or No O
4. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land?	
5. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable increase in the promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation?	
6. Will the treatment that you intend to implement using EQIP result in considerable benefits to residue management, nutrient management, air quality management, invasive species management, pollinator habitat, and animal carcass management technology or pest management?	
7. Will the treatment that you intend to implement using EQIP result in energy conservation benefits?	Yes O or No O

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	
1. Will the project reduce the amount of nutrients/pesticides/salt/selenium or other pollutants entering ground or surface waters?	
2. Will the planned practice(s) promote water conservation on the contracted acres?	
3. Will the project address invasive and/or noxious plants on contracted acres?	Yes O or No O
4. Will the project result in an improvement to the existing management system to meet the state AFO/CAFO regulations?	
5. Does the project increase the diversity of desirable plants on grazing lands?	
6. Does the project improve the health of riparian and/or wetland areas?	
7. Is the proposed project located within the State's NRCS wildlife priority area, and do the planned practices address the habitat needs of the targeted species designated in the wildlife priority area or is the plan designed for pollinator habitat?	
8. Will the proposed project reduce field soil loss to below "T" or will the planned practice(s) reduce irrigation induced/streambank erosion?	
9. Does the applicant meet one or more of the following conditions: a. Did the applicant successfully complete any past EQIP contract(s) in full compliance; b. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance; or c. Applicant has never participated in EQIP?	
10. Has any portion of the offered acreage been set aside or inventoried by a Cultural Resources Specialist or Archaeologist?	
11. Does the proposed project support organic transition (farming operation to be used while transitioning from conventional to organic production)?	

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Are Collection and Transport facilities on the project area non-existent? (Refers to the practices needed to gather and move the waste to where it will be stored, treated, or otherwise managed prior to it's end use. This would include runoff collection channels, diversions, pipes, sumps, conveyors, gutters, and similar equipment. Does not include tractors, scrapers, etc., for handling manure in feedlots.)	
2. Are there existing Collection and Transport facilities on the project area that are inadequate? (Refers to the practices needed to gather and move the waste to where it will be stored, treated, or otherwise managed prior to it's end use. This would include runoff collection channels, diversions, pipes, sumps, conveyors, gutters, and similar equipment. Does not include tractors, scrapers, etc., for handling manure in feedlots.)	
3. Are Waste Storage facilities on the project area non-existent? (Storage refers to practices such as stacking areas for solids or holding ponds and tanks for liquids where waste is retained until it is land applied or taken offsite.)	Yes O or No O
4. Are there existing Waste Storage facilities on the project area that are inadequate? (Storage refers to practices such as stacking areas for solids or holding ponds and tanks for liquids where waste is retained until it is land applied or taken offsite.)	Yes O or No O
5. Are Treatment Facilities on the project area non-existent? (Refers to practices required to change the characteristics of the waste to facilitate proper management. This would include a composting facility, solid/liquid separation, anaerobic lagoon, etc.)	Yes O or No O
6. Are there existing Treatment Facilities on the project area that are inadequate? (Refers to practices required to change the characteristics of the waste to facilitate proper management. This would include a composting facility, solid/liquid separation, anaerobic lagoon, etc.)	
7. Are Transfer Facilities on the proposed project non-existent? (Refers to the practices required to move the waste from a storage or treatment area to a land application area, such as a pump and pipeline between a holding pond and an irrigation sytem)	Yes O or No O
8. Are there existing Transfer Facilities on the proposed project that are inadequate? (Refers to the practices required to move the waste from a storage or treatment area to a land application area, such as a pump and pipeline between a holding pond and an irrigation system)	
9. Are Land Treatment practices on the project area non-existent? (Refers to practices required on or near te fields receiving manure to reduce a risk index, control erosion, or provide a buffer to a sensitive area, such as a terrace or a filter strip.)	
10. Are Land Treatment practices being carried out on the project area, but they are inadequate? (Refers to practices required on or near te fields receiving manure to reduce a risk index, control erosion, or provide a buffer to a sensitive area, such as a terrace or a filter strip.)	
11. Are Air Resource Management practices on the project area non-existent? (Refers to practices required to address odors, dust, or other airborne contaminants that have not been covered by one of the functions above, such as installation of a windbreak around a feedlot.)	
12. Are Air Resource Management practices being carried out on the project area, but they are inadequate? (Refers to practices required to address odors, dust, or other airborne contaminants that have not been covered by one of the functions above, such as installation of a windbreak around a feedlot.)	
13. Is there an existing facility on the project area that is within the 100 year Floodplain?	Yes O or No O
14. Is there an existing facility in the project area with Depth to Groundwater of 10 feet or less?	Yes O or No O
15. Is there an existing facility in the project area with Depth to Groundwater of 11-25 feet?	Yes O or No O
16. Is there an existing facility in the project area with Depth to Groundwater of 26-50 feet?	Yes O or No O
17. Is there an existing facility in the project area with Depth to Groundwater of greater than 50 feet?	Yes O or No O
18. Has a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) been developed but not fully implemented for this facility? (If yes, a copy must be provided to by the applicant to NRCS prior to completion of this ranking.)	Yes O or No O

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices

Ranking Score

Efficiency:

Local Issues:	
State Issues:	
National Issues:	
Final Ranking Score:	

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

	Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: